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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
11 Plaintiff, )  
12 v. )  
13 ONE 1999 FORD F-350 TRUCK, )  
CA LICENSE NO. 7S45250, )  
14 VIN 1FTSW31FXXEC08511, )  
ITS TOOLS AND APPURTENANCES, )  
15 Defendant. )  
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Civil No. **08 CV 0703 LAB NLS**  
**COMPLAINT FOR**  
**FORFEITURE**

17 For its claim against the defendant,

18 ONE 1999 FORD F-350 TRUCK, CA LICENSE NO. 7S45250,  
19 VIN 1FTSW31FXXEC08511, ITS TOOLS AND APPURTENANCES,

20 (hereinafter "defendant vehicle"), the United States of America alleges:

21 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action by virtue of the provisions of Title 28,  
22 United States Code, Section 1355, and Title 21, United States Code, Section 881.

23 2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1395,  
24 because the defendant property was found within this district.

25 3. During an ongoing narcotics investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency agents placed a  
26 GPS vehicle tracker on Michael David Druker's F-350 truck, California license 7S45250 from  
27 October 17, 2007 until November 27, 2007. Information received from the device showed Druker  
28 traveled from his primary residence at 3220 Gopher Canyon Road, Vista, CA to his secondary residence

1 at 1621 Montgomery Drive, Vista, CA on a daily basis. Druker was also seen arriving at HydroBrew,  
2 a hydroponics store which sells cultivation equipment for marijuana on several occasions and purchasing  
3 marijuana cultivation accessories. Druker was not driving the defendant vehicle on these occasions.

4 On November 27, 2007, search warrants were executed at both residences. Each location  
5 contained an indoor marijuana cultivation operation in which 1621 Montgomery Drive had 40 marijuana  
6 plants seized and 3220 Gopher Canyon Road had 23 marijuana plants seized. Druker was arrested and  
7 charged with California Health & Safety 11357(c) Possession of Marijuana, 11359 Possession for sales,  
8 and 11358 Cultivation of Marijuana. On February 4, 2008, Druker pled guilty to Health and Safety code  
9 section 11358 Cultivation of Marijuana, a felony.

10 Druker was interviewed and admitted to growing marijuana at both locations. He further  
11 stated he has been selling the marijuana he grows to retail customers for at least the last two years. He  
12 admitted to grossing between \$18,000 to \$24,000 every 8 weeks by growing and selling the marijuana  
13 grown at both locations.

14 During the period beginning the first quarter of 2003 and ending the first quarter of 2007,  
15 no wage earnings have been reported by the California Employment Development department by an  
16 employer, and Druker has not filed for unemployment and/or disability benefits. Despite having no  
17 record of income, Druker made over \$4,000 of improvements to the defendant vehicle including a sound  
18 system, alloy wheels, a lift kit, and a special bumper.

19 4. On and/or prior to November 27, 2007, the defendant vehicle was a thing of value  
20 furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in  
21 violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 881.

22 5. Alternatively, on and/or prior to November 27, 2007, the defendant vehicle represented  
23 the proceeds of or proceeds traceable to an exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in  
24 violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 881.

25 6. Alternatively, on and/or prior to November 27, 2007, the defendant vehicle was used and  
26 was intended to be used to transport and/or to facilitate the transportation, and/or sale, and/or receipt,  
27 and/or possession, and/or concealment of a controlled substance in violation of Title 21 of the United  
28 States Code, Section 881(a)(4).

1           7.       Because of the aforementioned acts or uses alleged herein, either singly or in  
2 combination, the defendant vehicle is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 21, United States Code,  
3 Section 881(a)(4) and (a)(6).

4           8.       The defendant vehicle is presently stored within the jurisdiction of this Court.

5           9.       The value of the defendant vehicle is approximately \$15,350.00.

6           WHEREFORE, the United States prays that due process issue to enforce the forfeiture of the  
7 defendants, and that due notice be given to all interested parties to appear and show cause why said  
8 forfeiture should not be declared.

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10          DATED: *April 17, 2008*

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12                   United States Attorney

13                   *David M. McNeas*

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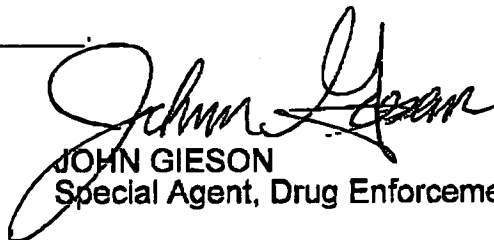
1. I am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration.
2. I have read the foregoing complaint and know its contents.
3. The information in the complaint was furnished by official Government sources.

Based on this information, I believe the allegations in the complaint to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on

4/17/08



JOHN GIESON  
Special Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration

JS 44 (Rev. 12/07)

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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## DEFENDANTS

One 1999 Ford F-350 Truck  
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant, S. District of California  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED:

Attorneys (If Known)

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## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		

## V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding  
☐ 2 Removed from State Court  
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened  
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)  
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation  
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing. (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

21 U.S.C. § 881  
drugs/narcotics

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

April 17, 2008

David M. McNees

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